

Bob and Kathi's lifetime commitment to service is aspirational for all and worthy of the highest praise. Their community engagement efforts over many decades have transformed the automobile industry, expanded educational opportunities for young people with the Keys to Success and Road to Success programs, and their support to the University of Utah gave rise to new buildings for business education and athletics. Bob and Kathi's legacy is deeply woven into Utah's fabric of cherished values—prioritizing family, service, education, and the welfare of our future generations.

The Garff family's vast impact on our State is, in part, due to their willingness to serve in positions of leadership and public trust. Kathi served as chair of the Utah State Board of Education and was a board member for the Utah Board of Regents. She also guided education policy on the University of Utah's National Advisory Council, served on the board of the Crimson Club, and was chair of their President's Club.

Bob, too, donated his time to elevating health initiatives as a member of the American Cancer Society and Intermountain Healthcare and boosted Utah's athletic profile on the world stage as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. There, I witnessed firsthand Bob's talent for complex problem solving and his compassionate and ethical leadership. His accomplishments also include serving as chairman of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce and the Deseret Book Company, a board member of First Security Bank, a member of the Salt Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Utah Commission on Volunteers. As the former speaker of the House of Representatives for the State of Utah, Bob has cemented his legacy of consequential public service for all time.

A celebration of Bob and Kathi Garff would be incomplete without highlighting the significant role of faith in their lives, including their shared commitment to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Over the years, Bob was called to serve as bishop, president of the England Coventry Mission, stake president at the University of Utah, and president of the Bountiful Temple. May his strong faith guide Bob as we remember and cherish his time with us.

Kathi and Bob's selfless contributions to the welfare of our State will endure through the ages, and Utahns will remember them for their lifetime commitment to public service. Their 5 children, 21 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren carry on the honorable tradition of their beloved Bob and Kathi Garff.●

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL A. SPRAYBERRY

● Mr. TILLIS. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Michael A.

Sprayberry, who is retiring as director of the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, NCEM, and the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency, NCORR. Mr. Sprayberry has served North Carolina for over 42 years and has exemplified the highest standard of leadership, effectiveness, and professionalism, and I thank him for his valued service to our State.

Mr. Sprayberry was born in Atlanta, GA and moved to North Carolina in high school. He went on to serve our Nation in the U.S. Marine Corps and in the North Carolina National Guard for 11 years. In 1979, Mike received his bachelor of science in business administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He continued his education and received his master of arts degree in history.

Mike's entire career has been in service to his country and the State. During his years of service with the National Guard, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters and the North Carolina National Guard Distinguished Service Medal. He received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 1998 and was inducted into the North Carolina National Guard's Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame in August of 2011.

In 2005, Director Sprayberry began his career in emergency management as the deputy director and logistics chief. He served in this capacity until 2013, when he was appointed to serve as director under Governor Pat McCrory.

Mr. Sprayberry is the longest serving emergency management director in North Carolina's history. During his tenure, he successfully oversaw the State's response to 19 State declared disasters and 11 federally declared disasters. He has led North Carolina through hurricanes, earthquakes, winter storms, and a pandemic.

Mr. Sprayberry is nationally respected and has served as president of the National Emergency Management Association and is a member of the FEMA National Advisory Council.

Mr. President, thanks to Mike's leadership, North Carolina is better prepared to deal with both natural and man-made disasters. Please join me in thanking Director Mike Sprayberry, his wife, and his daughters for his career in public service and wishing him a joyful retirement.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1161. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of eighteen (18) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general or major general, as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1162. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cellulose, ethyl ether; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10023-34-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1163. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act (ADA) and the Administration's disagreement that any ADA violations occurred; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1164. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, with respect to the Western Balkans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1165. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1166. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order in order to expand the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001 with respect to the Western Balkans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1167. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Role of Supervisory Guidance" (RIN1557-AE80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1168. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Net Stable Funding Ratio: Liquidity Risk Measurement Standards and Disclosure Requirements" (RIN1557-AD97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1169. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,